

Claims

1 1. A remote control for controlling a consumer electronic device
2 comprising:

3 a transmitter for transmitting an electromagnetic signal to
4 the consumer electronic device to cause the consumer electronic
5 device to download information to the consumer electronic device;

6 a receiver for receiving an electromagnetic signal from the
7 consumer electronic device which indicates the status of a download
8 process; and

9 a progress/status indicator for indicating the status of the
10 download process.

11 2. The remote control according to claim 1, wherein the
12 progress/status indicator is a bar which indicates the percent
13 completion of the download process.

14 3. The remote control according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the
15 progress/status indicator includes alphanumeric characters for
16 indicating the percent completion of the download process.

17 4. The remote control according to Claim 1 or 2, further
18 including an alarm for indicating completion of the download
19 process.

1 5. The remote control according to claim 1 or 2, further
2 including a personalization feature which personalizes the
3 progress/status indicator.

1 6. An interactive television system operable for watching
2 television programs and accessing a data source, comprising:

3 a device for accessing the data source, the device including
4 a transmitter for transmitting progress/status information;

5 a remote control for controlling the interactive television
6 system and for receiving the progress/status information, the
7 remote control including a status display for displaying on the
8 remote control the progress/status information received from the
9 device.

1 7. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 6,
2 further including a display for displaying television programs.

1 8. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 7,
2 further including a device for switching between displaying a
3 television program and accessing the data source.

1 9. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 6,
2 further including an alarm feature on the remote control which
3 indicates some information about the progress/status information.

1 10. An interactive television system as claimed in claim 6 further
2 including a personalization feature on the remote control which
3 personalizes the progress/status indicator.

1 11. A remote control for controlling a consumer electronics device,
2 comprising :
3 a two way communication capability; and
4 a status indicator for indicating the status of an electronic
5 wallet.

1 12. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, wherein the e-
2 wallet is stored locally in the remote control.

1 13. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, further including
2 an alarm for indicating when the funds in the e-wallet have reached
3 a certain amount.

1 14. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, further including a
2 personalization feature for personalizing the status indicator.

1 15. The remote control as claimed in claim 11, wherein the e-
2 wallet is stored in a device which communicates directly with the
3 remote control.

1 16. The remote control as claimed in claim 7, where the e-wallet
2 is stored on a remote server.

1 17. A data storage access device, comprising:
2 a remote control;
3 a transmitter for communicating with the remote control;
4 a progress/status indicator located on the remote control
5 which indicates the status of a download process.

1 18. A mouse for communicating with a computer, comprising:
2 a transmitter for transmitting signals to the computer;
3 a receiver for receiving signals from the computer;
4 a progress/status indicator for indicating the status of a download
5 process.

1 19. A mouse as claimed in claim 12, wherein the progress/status
2 indicator indicates the status of an e-wallet.